

## LOOKS THE WINNER

THAT IS WHITEHAW REID'S OPINION OF MCKINLEY.

Reid, who is a force in New York politics, as well as national politics, and an editor of renown, has aged considerably since he was prominently before the people as a candidate. He bears little resemblance to the portraits that were in circulation at that time. He then wore an imperial that made him look much like a Kentucky colonel, but he now wears a tall, close cropped beard, which hides his forceful chin, and makes him appear more like a minister than a politician. He has been in ill health for some time, and is just now returning to New York after a stay of a month or more in Arizona. He was in Chicago with his wife and father-in-law, E. O. Mills, but he left the private car in which they were traveling Wednesday evening, and made the run to Ohio ahead of the party.

Mr. Reid's name has been mentioned many times recently as a possible candidate for the vice-presidency. It has been said that he would like very much to have his name on the ticket with that of McKinley, but he looked and talked last night like a man who was only taking the interest in the campaign that the ordinary citizen takes, and as though he was willing for some other good man to have that honor.

In the morning the New Yorker held a long consultation with Mr. Hanna, and then left for Canton. It was after he had returned from his visit to Major McKinley that a reporter talked with him.

"I found Governor McKinley looking very well and happy," said Mr. Reid. "He looked like a winner, and he is one, without doubt."

"Do you believe he will be nominated by acclamation?" was asked.

"I can't say, but I am inclined to think there will be considerable objection to any departure from the customary rule of calling the states," said he. "Personally I have no objection to his being nominated by acclamation."

But his nomination is so certain that it now seems almost silly to discuss it.

"What will be the issue of the campaign?" was the next question.

"The issue, it seems to me," said Mr. Reid, "will be that the people will have to repair the injury they did themselves four years ago, and mistake to permit the party which gave them protection, sound currency and a foreign policy that amounted to something."

"But which issue will be the dominant one?"

"The tariff, I should say," was the reply. "If the people did not want tariff revision they would not want William McKinley, and they seem to want him very badly."

In reply to a question as to whether he was a candidate for the vice-presidency, Mr. Reid said: "I am not seeking the nomination. I did not seek it when I was nominated four years ago, and I feel certain that the office is not seeking me. Who is my choice for the place? I have said all along that the late Mr. Thomas B. Reed was my big choice."

"But he has said that he would not accept," was suggested.

"And yet he has not said whether he would accept the place or not," Mr. Reid replied. "He is a man of ambition. He is looking for further political employment, and he has received the honors he was seeking from the hands of the people. He must defer to their wishes now and accept the place if he is asked to do so. No public man has the right to say he will not discharge a duty the people may call him to."

When asked to express his opinion as to the advisability of placing Hon. M. A. Hanna at the head of the campaign, Mr. Reid said: "Mr. Hanna succeeds in nominating his candidate, as now seems certain, the people will be lucky if they can induce Mr. Hanna to accept the chairmanship of the executive committee. He is a man of shrewdness and capacity. He has demonstrated that he is resourceful and it is just such a man that should be selected to manage the campaign."

"And how about Cleveland for national headquarters?" was asked.

"To the representative of a Cleveland newspaper there is but one thing to say, and I doubt if a New Yorker ought to say anything," was the answer Mr. Reid would give.

Mr. Reid said he hoped the Democrats would declare for silver at the Chicago convention, for he thought such a declaration would only increase the majority of the Republican party, especially in the east.

At 7:30 o'clock he left for Buffalo, where he will be joined by his wife and father-in-law and then proceed to New York.

Joseph S. Spear, Jr., of San Francisco, who has accomplished much good for Mr. McKinley in the west, also called at Mr. Hanna's office yesterday morning and visited ex-Governor McKinley in the afternoon. He was accompanied by his wife, who will go to St. Louis with him and remain during the convention.

Mr. Spear corroborated the statement made by ex-Governor Markham of California a few days ago, when he said that though the Republican convention declared for free silver yet the people there were anxious to have the tariff question as the main issue of the campaign, as their prosperity depended upon protection to their industries. He said that though rumors were produced to California that were equal to the best Spanish rumors, yet, owing to the lack of protection, the raisin producers were losing money, and the same was true of the honey trade. He said California generally favored T. B. Reed for vice-president.

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